

**Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs
Update to Developmental Disabilities Council
April 2011**

Executive Director

Governor Jindal in February 2011 appointed Martha Manuel as the new director of GOEA.

Chronic Disease Self Management Program (CDSMP)

Since its inception (August 2010), more than 161 older adults have participated in a 6-week educational training on living with chronic conditions. CDSMP is an evidence based workshop where older adults can learn more about managing their chronic conditions. The workshops are facilitated by lay leaders. For more information, please visit www.goea.la.gov/healthyaging or contact Matt Estrade at 225-342-3570.

MIPPA

Louisiana Mippa Outreach Grant to outreach and assist in the enrollment process for the Low Income Subsidy Program (LIS), Medicare Savings Plan (MSP) and/or Medicare Part D. These are the "extra help" programs that assist with the Medicare premiums and co-pays for eligible participants. This could be up to an approximate \$100 savings (Medicare premium) for social security participants. For information, contact your local Council on Aging or ADRC/SenioRx. For more information, please call Michelle Guillory at 225-219-4260.

Louisiana Answers for Living at Home

This Administration on Aging pilot program in Medicaid Regions 2 and 7 objective were to identify individuals in danger of Medicaid spend down and nursing facility placement and offer some home and community based services. The pilots were based at the Northwest ADRC in Shreveport and the Capital ADRC in Baton Rouge.

As of November 2010, the program has served over 140 adults, spending \$687,000 on service expenses- an average cost of \$4,907 per client. Services range from home delivered meals, personal care, home modification, and more. The grant program began in October 2008 and concluded December 2010.

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Statewide Legal Assistance System Grant

The Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs is collaborating with the Louisianan Civil Justice Center and the other legal service providers in Louisiana to develop a coordinated system of legal services to the 60 and older population. The goal is to increase seniors', with the greatest social and economic need, access to legal services utilizing the helpline and other legal services. For information, please contact Jane Thomas at janeathomas@msn.com.